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The Western United States. By HAROLD W. FAIRBANKS. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co. Pp. 302; 135 illustrations.

This is an excellent geographical reader, written by one personally familiar with the western part of our country and interested in educational work. Professor Fairbanks states in his preface that in the preparation of this book he has had in mind the needs of the upper grammar grades. The book may, however, be highly recommended for supplementary reading in connection with high-school courses in physical geography or physiography. The book does not cover "the field of western geography in a systematic manner, but instead . . . pictures . . . as graphically as may be, some of its more striking and interesting physical features, and the influence which these features have exerted upon its discovery and settlement." Among the very interesting chapters in the book are the following: "A Trip into the Grand Canyon of the Colorado;" "How the Columbia Plateau Was Made;" "The Canyons of the Sierra Nevada Mountains;" "The Last Volcanic Eruptions in the United States;" "The Mud Volcanoes of the Colorado Desert;" "The Story of Great Salt Lake;" "Death Valley;" "The Pony Express;" "How Climate and Physical Features Influenced the Settlement of the West."

The Frozen North. By EDITH HORTON. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1904. Pp. 157; illustrated.

The secondary title of this work is *An Account of Arctic Exploration for Use in Schools*. The book consists of a series of short sketches, written presumably for children in the upper grades, and furnishing interesting accounts of the explorations into the far North. The famous journeys from the time of Sir John Franklin to those of 1902 are so well told that the reader could not fail to appreciate the main geographic features of the North Frigid Zone, and to know something of the hardships which the pioneers of exploration in that country endured. There are also chapters descriptive of the strange people who inhabit these cold countries — their dress, their ways of living, their customs, and their manners.